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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
10 SAN JOSE DIVISION  
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12 AMY MAXWELL, individually and on behalf  
13 of all others similarly situated,

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 UNILEVER UNITED STATES, INC. and  
PEPSI LIPTON TEA PARTNERSHIP,

17 Defendants.  
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Case No. 5:12-cv-01736-EJD

**CLASS ACTION**

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Judge: Hon. Edward J. Davila  
Action Filed: April 6, 2012

1 Amy Maxwell (“Plaintiff”) and defendants Unilever United States, Inc., the Pepsi/Lipton  
2 Tea Partnership, and PepsiCo, Inc.<sup>1</sup> (“Defendants”) submit this Joint Status Report in response to  
3 this Court’s Order of December 8, 2017 (Dkt. 122), staying the action with respect to Plaintiff’s  
4 claims against Lipton tea products manufactured and distributed by the Pepsi Lipton Tea  
5 Partnership pending completion of FDA proceedings regarding use of the term “natural” in food  
6 labeling. The Court’s December 8, 2017 Order requested an update on the relevant proceedings  
7 before the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”).

8 Since the parties’ January 16, 2025 Joint Status Report (Dkt. 169), FDA has not yet  
9 formally issued any guidance on the use of “natural.” The parties have met and conferred and  
10 agree that it would be appropriate to continue the stay pending FDA’s issuance of formal  
11 guidance on the use of “natural.” As per the Court’s December 8, 2017 Order, the parties will file  
12 a joint status report on September 16, 2025 unless FDA issues formal guidance before that date.

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27 <sup>1</sup> This Court dismissed the claims against Defendant PepsiCo, Inc.’s carbonated soft drinks on  
28 March 29, 2018. (Dkt. 133.) On July 30, 2018, the Court denied Plaintiff’s motion for entry of  
final judgment on the Pepsi carbonated soft drink claims while confirming that dismissal of those  
claims had been made with prejudice. (Dkt. 142.)

1 Dated: May 16, 2025

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